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MINUTES Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Land Use Committee
5:20 PM

Carnegie Town Hall
235 West 10th Street

Members Present: Council Member Kermit L. Staggers and Council Member Rick Kiley

Members Absent: Council Member Kenny Anderson Jr. and Council Member Greg Jamison

Staff Present: Denise D. Tucker, MMC, Assistant City Clerk; David Bixler, Budget Analyst; and Tom Greco, City Clerk

Guests: Council Members Michelle Erpenbach and Rex Rolwing

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Rick Kiley called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

2. Discussion

A. Boulevard discussion with staff and public input

Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works, began the presentation by informing the committee and audience that they were still collecting input regarding the ordinance; they will return next month to continue the discussion.

Cotter explained the purpose of the parking strip ordinance is "to establish landscaping standards that preserve the functionality of the right-of-way, which is corridor for public and private utilities and vehicle and pedestrian traffic, but also promote safety, community health, encourage the use of natural vegetation and conservation practices, and create vibrant and appealing streetscapes.

He discussed the following PowerPoint slides: Typical Public Right-of-Way; Ordinance Changes Are Needed; Update Ordinance Recommendations; What's Allowed in Parking Strip; Parking Strip Safety; Parking Strip Hard Surface Treatments; Parking Strip Ordinance Implementation Plan; and the GROW Program. Cotter also spoke about concrete splash guards and parking strip restoration.

Matt Tobias, Code Enforcement Manager, said they want to give the current ordinance some flexibility. He said this is a working document and there is room to grow. The implementation plan for the proposed revised ordinance was discussed. Tobias said they are going to work with residents to do what is right with the ultimate goal to be compliance.

Josh Keiser spoke about different things he has seen in parking strips; and what he feels shouldn't be allowed in them.

Mary Ellen Connelly expressed her concerns regarding ROW topsoil depths, tree diversity, and Ash trees.

Sue Nipe informed the committee that she was dreading speaking, because her yard is covered in flowers, fruits, vegetables, and herbs. She said she was pleased with ordinance updates and offered some recommendations.

Greg Neitzert complimented the process regarding revising the parking strip ordinance. He then asked questions regarding mulch, rocks, and splash guards. Discussion followed.

Bruce Danielson spoke about the streets in his neighborhood: concrete along the curb or as a step out, the varying height of a flower in his yard, and proposed forming a Citizens Advisory Committee to assist in writing good policy. Discussion followed.

Council Member Kermit L. Stagers questioned how this topic came before the Land Use Committee. Discussion followed.

Kiley suggested Cotter send out a press release for additional feedback. He added that the discussion will continue in February. Kiley mentioned working on an education plan with homebuilders, realtors, landscapers, etc.

3. Open Discussion

There was none.

4. Adjournment

Committee Chair Rick Kiley adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker, MMC

Assistant City Clerk